Memorandum

Date:

June 19, 1996

To:

Lester A. Snow

From:

Steve Yaeger

Subject: Discussion with Alex

- Alex still feels we are on the right track with the 3 alternatives concept presented in the workshop packet.
- However, he feels we are biased against Ag in the way we discuss alternatives
- Pollution for one use (DOC) is beneficial for another (food chain) so calling Ag drainage pollution demonstrates bias toward Ag. Selenium also falls in this category.
- Another demonstration of CALFED bias toward Ag is the fact that we call for Ag land retirement but we don't call for golf course or urban turf retirement.
- He believes that CALFED is mixing reallocation actions with efficiency actions in Water Use Efficiency list of actions. He distinctly opposes reallocation of water.
- In the ecosystem actions we need to describe aspects that impact water supply (wetlands use more water per acre than Ag) and water quality that need further investigation in Phase II so that we don't paint too rosy of a picture for ecosystem restoration.
- CALFED needs to acknowledge up front that Phase II will develop more detail which will lead to identification of more impacts on water supply, etc. from ecosystem restoration actions.

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